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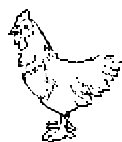
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower. Trade sentiment was generally steady in the West and mostly barely steady to weak in the East and Midwest. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for the cautious and selective buying interest. Retail and distributive movement was limited, although, fairly good draw was noted into scattered feature activity and the fast food sector. In the parts structure, buying activity was generally limited to most immediate needs. Breast items were noted in the best balance. Wings and tenderloins were ample and dark meat cuts were fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/29/02-08/03/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	46.00-49.00	46.00-59.75	48.57	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	47.00-50.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-64.00	45.00-65.00	63.16	80

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
844	55.25-66.15	64.10
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.00	1,073
BREASTS - B/S	153.50	4,533
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,123
THIGH MEAT - B/S	65.50	725
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	8,262
WINGS	51.00	3,107
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MIDWEST Chicago reported preliminary majority prices lower for next week's deliveries. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully available, trade interest very slight. Demand into all channels below expectations, slow to fair, instances moderate to good for fast food in the Chicago area. Floor stocks manageable with buyers reluctant to order beyond immediate needs. Sizes were mixed. Offerings of wings, tenders and thighs ample, leg quarters sufficient, remaining breast items in balance to tight. Trading on parts was limited as regular commitments satisfy current trade needs. The market tone was unsettled on leg quarters, steady to fully steady on boneless/skinless breasts and whole breasts with remaining items barely steady to weak.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to fair, best where features were in progress. Food service movement was light to moderate, best in fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in the best position, other parts were available with irregular movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample with heavier weights often sharply discounted. Buying interest was fair at best with interest in additional product limited. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best where features in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. The market tone was firm on boneless breast with balance of parts about steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 49- 59, whole cut-up 77-118, boneless breast 177-299, boneless breast 3# IQF 648 and 4# IQF 899, breast fillets 3# IQF 698, breast tenders 3# IQF 798, boneless leg meat 99, split breast 97-117, split breast 4# IQF 698, leg quarter 69, leg quarter 10# bag 270-490, wing 99, party wing 4# IQF 598, wing drumettes 3# IQF 598, thigh 79-99, thigh 4# IQF 368, drumstick 79-99, drumstick 5# bag 245, drumstick 4# IQF 368, roaster 129, chicken kabob 197; Northern California - whole body 49-109, whole cut-up 118-119, boneless breast 269-399, drumstick 139- 169, whole leg 139-169, thigh 139-169, leg quarter 69; Colorado - boneless breast 179-299, boneless breast 3.5\$ IQF 699, breast tenders 299, split breast 199; Arizona - whole body 47-119, whole cut-up 69, boneless breast 199-299, boneless breast marinated 399-499, breast tender 299, chicken kabob 399, split breast 99-149, drumstick 89-99, thigh 89-99, leg quarter 10# bag 290.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally fair at best as dealers remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels continued sluggish. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were balanced. Leg quarters and drumsticks were fully adequate and wings were ample.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to fair at best entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 50 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly boneless/skinless were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Other items generally ranged at least adequate to readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	43-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.24
NO. OF BOXES	9,255
CUMULATIVE	07/22/02-07/26/02 53.19
	07/23/01-07/27/01 61.39
NO. OF BOXES	07/22/02-07/26/02 42,348
	07/23/01-07/27/01 64,698

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JUL 25

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUL 26

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	921	127.50-220.00	139-145	143.90	933	130.00-220.00	142-148	144.44	4,615	141.50
TENDERLOINS	141	105.00-185.00	110-115	129.99	94	105.00-185.00	110-115	138.02	641	131.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	84.00-88.00	84-85	85.32	110	84.00-87.00	84-86	85.05	541	85.11
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	63.05
LEGS	80	18.00-36.00	18-19	18.00	89	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.25	431	19.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	11.00-17.00	12	12.48	435	12.00-17.00	12-13	12.97	1,985	12.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,376	13.00-26.00	17-19	18.67	1,340	14.00-26.00	18-19	18.69	6,684	19.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	47.00-53.00	50-52	51.68	285	47.00-53.00	50-52	51.74	1,423	52.02
WINGS (CUT)	359	61.00-65.00	62-63	62.13	387	61.00-65.00	61-63	62.19	1,903	62.64
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-47.00	-	37.40	92	34.00-47.00	-	36.28	367	36.89
THIGHS	22	30.00-44.00	-	31.79	TOO FEW TO REPORT				142	35.13
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	63.25

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUL 25, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

36.50 - 41.50

37.95

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUL 26, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

37.00 - 41.50

38.49

37.53

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and kept floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of breast items ranged balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available, except for thighs, which were clearing. Wings were ample and discounted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish with the occasional feature offering only moderate draw at best. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, steady on thighs, and barely steady to weak on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JUL 26

JUL 25

CURRENT NEG**WTD****CURRENT NEG****WTD****WEEKLY**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	145.54	348,570	145-150	146.41	455,560	142.842	146,260
TENDERLOINS	95-100	97.42	108,720	95-100	102.26	163,560	101.27	656,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.14	169,920	76-77	83.74	145,960	83.27	763,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	80.72	84,640	76-77	83.74	145,960	83.27	763,520
LEGS	32-33	34.03	107,440	7679.02	135,520	79.38	579,800	32-33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.51	370,800	33.57	153,920	33.75	669,040	17-18
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	31.18	99,550	18.50	265,840	18.81	1,960,690	32-33
THIGHS	18-19	21.63	90,860	29.50	155,110	31.04	610,850	18-19
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.29	115,000	27.79	2,980	24.79	453,390	62-63
WINGS (WHOLE)	51-52	58.62	141,040	63.70	67,560	63.54	488,490	50-51
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.47	15,440	52.61	346,360	57.64	980,280	10-12
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	16.70	9,760	12.04	29,880	12.27	127,240	15-20
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	40.28	14,080	16.58	9,880	15.91	54,060	30-35
				40.86	18,160	38.72	106,450	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	07/26	07/25	07/24	07/23	07/24	07/23	07/19	07/17
ALA	4,048	4,103	4,038	4,017	5.06	5.08	4,006	5.03
ARK	5,373	5,318	5,293	5,180	4.90	4.88	5,084	4.95
DELMARVA	2,282	2,320	2,394	2,315	5.06	5.14	2,276	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,153	1,995	2,021	2,023	4.44	4.47	2,140	4.50
MISS	2,848	3,038	2,916	2,893	5.31	5.35	2,938	5.32
NC	2,708	2,648	2,564	2,659	5.90	5.80	2,834	5.94
TEXAS	2,447	2,457	2,472	2,447	4.87	4.95	2,435	4.87
TOTAL	21,859	21,879	21,698	21,441	5.07	5.09	21,713	5.10

MON-FRI 111,418(A) 107,568(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jul 02 and 27-Jul-02 is estimated to be 32,704,000 up 0.37 percent from a week ago and up 0.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,583,000; last year 32,470,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Jul-02 is estimated to be 158,474,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and unchanged 0 percent from a year ago

(Last week 159,974,000 Last year 158,124,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-103
	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 13-Jul-02 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	26,164	17,826	44,724
Avg Weight	3.784	8.1	6.28
% of total /1	29%	20%	50%

COMPARISONS

Last week	21,268	16,101	27,627
Avg Weight	3.734	8.9	6.08
% of total /1	33%	25%	43%

Same week, yr ago /2	38,325	32,090	42,184
Avg Weight	3.754	7.9	6.09
% of total /1	34%	28%	37%

To date/2002	801,113	670,290	1,292,509
To date/2001	915,055	735,310	1,254,533

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Jul-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,974	1,589	1,576	3,165	443
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	7.85	5.67	6.33
LAST WEEK	158,616	1,498	1,418	2,916	378
SAME WK YR AGO	158,453	1,661	1,534	3,195	470
AVG WT	4.96	3.49	8.07	5.69	6.80
TO-DATE/2002	4,475,549	51,299	38,964	90,263	12,524
TO-DATE/2001	4,427,074	51,583	39,427	91,010	14,445

The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.9 million head or -1.2 million headless than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 23, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .80	Silkie	1.75 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .62	Pigeons	2.25 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.00	White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.50 - .74
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.50 - .82
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.30	Bunnies	.35 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 5.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - 1.10	Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.30	Doves	4.50 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 7.50ea.		
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	468

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-JUL-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-55	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Weights were desirable to instances light due to recent hot weather throughout the Midwest. Schedules full-time to overtime. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15. NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-JUL-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
JUNE	15	158.3	99%
	22	161.3	100%
	29	163.1	101%
JULY	6	138.6	86%
	13	160.5	99%
	20	161.9	99%
YEAR TO DATE	4528.9	4578.9	99%
JULY	27	163.4	
AUGUST	3	162.5	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	07/27/02	07/20/02	% CHG	07/28/01	% CHG
Broilers	158,474	159,974*	-01	158,124*	0
Cattle	696	708	-02	665*	+05
Hogs	1,811	1,816	0	1,735*	+04
Under Federal Inspection					
*ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were irregular on light canners; unchanged on the heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings range of about adequate to fully adequate. Demand was fair to moderate but generally unaggressive for sufficient offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21	28-36 MAJORITY 30-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-24	29-38 MAJORITY 32-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings ample for current processor schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal for next week. Finished product supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal and generally supplied a fair call for product. Trade sentiment was steady.

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